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SUBJ: ISRAELI REACTION TO FAHMY VISIT TO LONDON

1. UK AMBASSADOR LEDWIDGE WAS SUMMONED TO JERUSALEM BY FONMIN ALLON EVENING OF JUNE 14 (AFTER END OF SABBATH) TO HEAR ISRAELI CONCERNS OVER BRITISH POSTURE DURING RECENT FAHMY VISIT TO LONDON. ACCORDING TO PRESS, AND AS CONFIRMED BOTH BY UK EMBASSY, AND MFA (EVRON) ALLON EXPRESSED STRONG CONCERN OVER REPORTS OF SIZABLE ARMS PURCHASES BEING NEGOTIATED BETWEEN UK AND EGYPT AND OVER REMARKS BY FONSEC CALLAGHAN AT DINNER FOR FAHMY.

2. ISRAELIS HAD MISGIVINGS IN PARTICULAR OVER IMPLICATION GLEANED FROM CALLAGHAN REMARKS THAT UK BELIEVES LASTING PEACE REQUIRES "AN EDN TO FOREIGN OCCUPATION AND THE RECOGNITION OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE".

3. ACCORDING UK EMBOFF MEETING BETWEEN UK AMB AND ALLON WAS FRIENDLY IN TONE, WITH FORMER ASSURING ALLON THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE IN UK POLICY
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REGARDING NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT ON BASIS SC RES 242 AND THAT NO

ARMS AGREEMENT HAD BEEN CONCLUDED WITH EGYPT.

4. EMBOFF ALSO TOLD US THAT BRITISH WERE NOT SURPRISED THAT MEETING HAD BEEN DEPICTED BY ISRAELIS AS NEWSWORTHY EVENT. ONCE STORIES CONCERNING FAHMY VISIT APPEARED IN ISRAELI PRESS, THEY BELIEVE, GOI HAD TO BE SEEN BY ISRAELI PUBLIC EXPRESSING ITS DISPLEASURE. BRITISH EMBASSY ALSO BELIEVES ISRAELIS MAY BE SENSITIVE TO POSSIBILITY THAT TONE OF UK STATEMENTS DURING FAHMY VISIT REFLECTED RESULTS OF US-UK CONSULTATIONS REGARDING US REASSESSMENT.

5. WE GATHER THAT IN ADDITION TO BRIEFING BRITISH ON RESULTS OF US VISIT, PM TOUCHED ON ABOVE DURING HIS MEETING WITH FONSEC CALLAGHAN ON RETURN TRIP TO ISRAEL. VELITOE

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